

**BOARD OF REGENTS**  
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

SECTION: *1-19*

DATE:

January 19, 2007

**RECOMMENDATION**

**MONTHLY REPORT**  
**STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**ACTION REQUESTED**

It is recommended that the Student Affairs Committee Agenda for January 19, 2007 and the Minutes of November 14, 2006 be received and placed on file.

**STAFF SUMMARY**

At the November 14, 2006 meeting the Student Affairs Committee received the 2006-07 Student Leader Group priorities and statements concerning the College Place Project and establishing a Smoke Free Campus, further discussion of inclusion of gender identity and expression in the University's anti-discrimination policies, and an update on the opening of the New Student Center.

The January 19, 2007 agenda includes statements on Proposal 2, Faculty Contract Negotiations, Gender Identity and Expression and technology resources on campus.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

None

**ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION**

The proposed Board action has been reviewed and is recommended for Board approval.

University Executive Officer \_\_\_\_\_

Date/ \_\_\_\_\_

# EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Board of Regents  
Student Affairs Committee

Friday, January 19, 2007  
1:45 p.m.

## Agenda

Room 201  
Welch Hall

1. Approval of November 14, 2006 Meeting Minutes
2. Proposal 2
3. Gender Identity and Expression
4. Contract Negotiations
5. Technology Concerns
6. Announcements
7. Other

Regent Clack  
Daniel Cicchini  
Emily Vincent  
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EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
Board of Regents  
**STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
Minutes of November 14, 2006

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Regents: Floyd Clack

Administration: Jim Vick, Glenna Frank Miller, Gregory Peoples

Students: Nadir J. Akbar, Casetta Brown, Daniel Cicchini, Casey Jordan, Christopher Leonard, Jeff May, Baljit Singh Puri, Allison Sheppard, Jasmine Tolbert, Greg Varnum, Emily Vincent

**GUESTS**

Regents: Joseph Antonini, Jan Brandon, Karen Valvo, Thomas Sidlik

Administration: Carin Barber, Daryl Barton, Chris Beyer, Noah Borton, Kate Brindle, Peg Carter, Shalonda Harris Casanova, George Cole, Carlos Costa, Mary Jo Desprez, Kevin Devine, John A. Fallon, Brian Fitzgerald, Cindy Hall, Peggy Harless, Bob Heighes, Jesus Hernandez, Mathon Howard, Jeff Koras, Bernice Lindke, Jim Locke, Cathie McClure, Tamara Miller, Ward Mullens, Jeff Nesmith, Michael Paciorek, Stephanie Percy, Shaless Peoples, Anna Plekhanova, Ken Ruppel, Abe Sargent, Lewis Savage, Connie Schaffer, Darryl Szczepanski, Cynthia Van Pelt, Steve Watson, Laura Wilbanks, Kathryn Wilhoff, Patricia Williams, Kay Woodiel, Ron Woody

Students: Matthew Gundick, Jenny Lee, Pete McKee, Nafisa Naik

Press: Andrew Cipolla (Echo), Geoff Larcom (Ann Arbor News)

Regent Clack convened the meeting at 1:50 p.m. Minutes of the September 19, 2006 meeting were approved as presented.

**2006-07 Student Leader Group Priorities**

Members of the Student Leader Group presented their priority areas for 2006-07: They include

- maintaining student employment positions on campus
- seeking affordable health insurance for students
- inclusion of gender identity and expression in the University's non-discrimination policies
- increasing computer access and study hours on campus
- minimizing effects of the faculty strike
- improving Academic Advising
- working to minimize increases in tuition and fees
- cost of use of space and catering for student groups
- student rights and advocacy
- student finances (debt management, financial literacy)

**Gender Identity and Expression**

Student Body Vice President Emily Vincent read a statement on behalf of the Student Leader Group, again asking the Board of Regents to include Gender Identity and Expression in the University's anti-discrimination policies and requesting that the Board explain their reasons for not formally entertaining

the Student Leader Group's year-long request. Greg Varnum, LGBT representative on the Student Leader Group, also read a personal statement requesting that the Board explain their silence about this issue.

### **College Place Project**

Student Body President Daniel Cicchini read a statement on behalf of the Student Leader Group expressing their non-support for the College Place Project. This joint initiative between the University and the city of Ypsilanti, MDOT, the Ypsilanti Downtown and Depot Town Development Authorities, the Washtenaw Area Transportation Study and the Ypsilanti Chamber of Commerce, would convert College Place, from Cross Street to Forest Avenue, into a pedestrian mall. Greg Varnum presented a dissenting view.

### **Smoke Free Campus**

Daniel Cicchini presented a statement on behalf of the Student Leader Group recommending that on-campus tobacco sales be discontinued and indicating that they, along with Student Government, will be studying the possibility of becoming a smoke-free campus or, in lieu of that, stricter enforcement of the University's tobacco policy. Commuter Student Association President Nadir Akbar presented a dissenting view of the smoke-free campus issue.

### **New Student Center Update**

Casetta Brown, Campus Life Council representative, reported that more than 400 people attended the November 6 Grand Opening; the Student Center has been buzzing with activity since it opened. Grand Opening events will conclude with the November 17 Dedication. Greg Varnum expressed kudos to the Student Center occupants for providing a seamless transition to the new building.

### **Other**

Daniel Cicchini read a statement on behalf of the Student Leader Group and the Political Action Committee of Student Government questioning the Foundation's decision to use \$116,000 to purchase football tickets to help ensure that the University maintains its Division I-A status.

### **Announcements**

- Emily Vincent issued an invitation to the audience to the Student Senate meeting at 6:30 p.m. tonight, Room 352 Student Center.
- Baljit Puri, International Student Association President, encouraged participation in the wide array of events planned in celebration of International Week (November 13-17).
- Glenna Frank Miller, Executive Director of Leadership and Involvement, invited the audience to participate in the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. on Monday, December 4, 3 p.m. in the MLK Garden.
- Greg Varnum provided a brief report on the Creating Change conference which he recently attended; next year's conference will be held in Detroit.
- The committee recognized Regent Antonini for his ten years of service on the Board and ended the meeting by singing Happy Birthday to Student Body President Dan Cicchini whose 21<sup>st</sup> birthday is today.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Teri L. Papp  
Student Affairs Committee Recording Secretary